

Howell Public Schools

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Subject: Access to Fair and Equitable Electric Choice

Dear House Energy Committee Members:

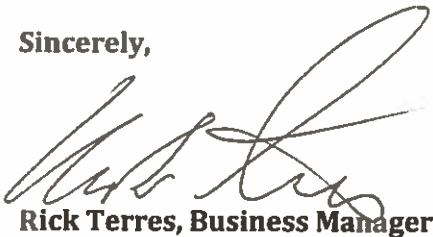
I represent thousands of parents, teachers and employees in the Howell Public Schools who watched as I worked tirelessly with local legislators to ensure open and equitable access to Electric Choice and the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has saved our district. Newly enacted legislation (PA 341), **intended to secure that option**, is now being undermined. Your committee needs to address this issue immediately and make sure Electric Choice remains a viable option for Michigan rate payers.

The ability to procure energy from a competitive supplier has saved our school district **\$2,020,029**. The impact of these savings on our budget cannot be overstated. Teaching and staff positions were saved and learning environments were substantially improved.

I am writing this letter because I am being informed that even though the intent of PA 341 was to maintain Electric Choice, the ability for the Choice market to function fairly is being threatened by how rules and regulation are developing. If Electric Choice is eliminated, the Howell Public School District will suffer.

PA 341 was passed to save Electric Choice. Please ensure the intent of this law is not compromised by unintended rules and regulations. Protect the ability of Electric Choice to operate fairly in an open market.

Sincerely,



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Howell Public Schools